

State Funding for School District Facilities - Legislative Summary

OVERVIEW	Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) FY1998 (75th Leg)	Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) FY2000 (76th Leg)	New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA) FY2000 (76th Leg)
Started	State aid for debt service for new instructional facilities, additions or renovations		
Purpose	State aid for existing debt service not covered by IFA		
Eligibility	Districts are ranked by wealth per ADA; districts can have ranking adjusted based on outstanding debt, enrollment growth, or a previous application that was not funded	All districts with eligible debt qualify; eligible debt currently defined as bonded debt for which a payment was made before Sept. 1, 2005	New instructional facilities during initial two years of operation; CH41 districts are eligible
Yield	\$35 per ADA per penny, limited to \$250 per ADA	\$35 per ADA per penny, limited to 29 cents of I&S tax effort	\$250 per student attending new campus in year 1, and \$250 per additional student in year 2
Appropriations	Limited by appropriation		
# of Districts (FY2008)	371	471	122

EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year	Expenditures (in millions)			TOTAL	Legislative Action
	IFA	EDA	NIFA		
1996-97	\$170			\$170	One-time biennial appropriation under School Facility Assistance Program
1998	\$65			\$65	
1999	\$119			\$119	IFA created as \$200 million biennial program
2000	\$175	\$442	\$17	\$634	\$50m in new IFA awards; EDA and NIFA created; IFA/EDA yields set at \$35 ADA/penny
2001	\$221	\$478	\$24	\$723	\$50m in new IFA awards; EDA limit from 12 to 29 cents (Commissioner authority)
2002	\$253	\$536	\$19	\$808	\$50m in new IFA awards; EDA eligibility date rolled forward and 29 cent limit put in statute
2003	\$288	\$431	\$25	\$744	\$50m in new IFA awards; NIFA prorated
2004	\$272	\$481	\$22	\$775	No new IFA awards; EDA eligibility date rolled forward
2005	\$284	\$430	\$19	\$733	\$20m in new IFA awards
2006	\$275	\$500	\$21	\$796	No new IFA awards; EDA eligibility date rolled forward
2007	\$308	\$461	\$25	\$794	\$50 million in new IFA awards; NIFA prorated
2008 Estimated	\$284	\$441	\$26	\$752	\$50m in new IFA awards; EDA eligibility date rolled forward; NIFA limit increased by \$1m
2009 Budgeted	\$361	\$460	\$26	\$847	\$87.5m in new IFA awards; NIFA limit increased by \$1m
TOTAL	\$3,076	\$4,660	\$224	\$7,959	

TAX RATE AVOIDANCE DUE TO STATE FACILITIES AID

- Estimated at approximately 12 pennies for FY2008
- 12-14 pennies over last 4 biennia

SCIENCE LABORATORY GRANT PROGRAM

- Created in 2007 (HB2237, 80th Legislature, Regular Session)
- \$20 million per year, IF commissioner certifies sufficient excess appropriations for facilities (EDA and IFA)
- \$200 per sq. ft. for new construction; \$100 per sq. ft. for renovation
- Districts must demonstrate need, and are ranked based on property wealth per ADA
- 13 districts received funds in FY2008